



UNDER SECRETARY OF COMMERCE FOR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY
AND DIRECTOR OF THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
PO BOX 1450 ALEXANDRIA VA 22313-450
WWW.USPTO.GOV

JUN - 5 2003

SAMUEL WEBB
ALZA CORPORATION
c/o JOHNSON & JOHNSON
ONE JOHNSON & JOHNSON PLAZA, WH3221
NEW BRUNSWICK NJ 08933

#26

In re Application of
Stephen A. Berry et al.
Serial No.: 09/497,422 : WITHDRAWAL OF ABANDONMENT
Filed: February 3, 2000
Attorney Docket No.: ARC 2914 R1

This is in response to applicants' petition under 37 CFR 1.181, filed April 18, 2003, to withdraw the abandonment of the above identified application based on timely filing of a reply.

A review of the file history shows that the examiner mailed a Notice of Allowance to applicants on October 2, 2002, setting a three month shortened statutory period for reply. Applicants replied on December 12, 2002 (Certificate of Mailing date), by filing a fee transmittal. The reply was never received by the Office. Applicants provided a copy of the reply which authorizes the fee charge to a Deposit Account, which has been done. In view of applicants' timely reply the Notice of Abandonment was mailed in error and is hereby withdrawn and the application restored to pending status with the mailing of this decision.

Applicants' petition is GRANTED.

The application will be forwarded to the Office of Publications after mailing of this communication.

Should there be any questions with respect to this decision, please contact Cecilia Tsang at (703) 308-0254, by mail addressed to: Director, Technology Center 1600, PO Box 1450, Alexandria VA 22313-1450, or by telephone at (703)308-0254 or by facsimile transmission at (703) 308-7230.

Cecilia Tsang fm
John Doll
Director, Technology Center 1600